

# Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting Recap – 9/7/2013

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Maryland Youth Advisory Council  
c/o Governor's Office for Children  
301 West Preston St., Suite 1502,  
Baltimore, MD 21201

Senator Roger Manno, *Co-Chair*  
Delegate John A. Olszewski, Jr., *Co-Chair*  
Christina Drushel Williams, *Co-Chair*

Diane D'Costa, *Co-Chair*  
Kamar Perkins, *Vice-Chair*  
Likhitha Butchireddygar, *Secretary*

## **General Meeting September 7, 2013**

**Baltimore County Arbutus Library  
855 Sulphur Spring Road, Arbutus, MD 21227**

### **In Attendance**

#### Council Members:

Rachel Carroll  
Kamar Perkins  
Likhitha Butchireddygar  
Karla Talley  
Eugenie Hughes  
Stephanie Chill  
Diane D'Costa  
Medha Reddy  
Christy Tse  
Dhruv Patel  
Breana Echols  
Sam Choi

Thaara Shankar  
Michael Moore  
Kate Campbell  
John Ten Eyck  
Eva Dickerson  
Raisa Rauf  
Pascal Tessier  
Noah Miller  
Nathan Xie  
Shreya Nalubola  
Athena Kan  
Ben Feshbach  
Alessandra Lowy

Phoenix Do  
Devan Ogburn  
Daniel Kim  
Erin Chase  
Beatriz Atsavaprane  
Christian Hodges  
Tina Huang  
Karen Ni

#### Co-Chairs:

Christina Drushel Williams  
Michael Hawkins

### **Overview of MYAC and Member Responsibilities**

- Reviewed the role and responsibilities, by-laws and code-of-conduct for the Maryland Youth Advisory Council. For copies of these materials please see attached documents:
  - MYAC overview presentation
  - By-laws and code-of-conduct
  - Photo release form
- Members were asked to read and sign the code-of-conduct agreement and review the photo consent form to be filled out by members over the age of 18, or parents if member is under the age of 18.

### **Overview of Legislative Process**

- See handout

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## Legislative Priorities Discussion and Public Hearing

- Discussed legislative priorities from previous Council years, and include:
  - 2009-2010
    - Mandatory financial literacy education in public schools (main focus)
    - Supporting full voting rights for Student Members of the Boards of Education (SMOB)
    - Community service requirements
  - 2010-2011
    - Youth violence (main focus)
    - Bullying
    - Improving nutrition of school meals
  - 2011-2012
    - Mandatory financial literacy education in public schools (main focus)
    - Bullying
  - 2012-13
    - Use of technology in schools
- Public Forums are hosted by the Council to present selected legislative issue, provide testimony before a panel, and allow the community to engage with the council about the issue.

## Election Results

### *Youth Co-Chair – Diane D’Costa*

- Diane D’Costa – 19
- Kamar Perkins - 14

### *Youth Vice Chair – Kamar Perkins*

- Kamar Perkins – 19
- Eva Dickerson – 10
- Athena Kan - 4

### *Youth Secretary – Likhitha Butchireddygar*

- Likhitha Butchireddygar – 12
- Breana Echols – 9
- Medha Reddy – 5
- Shreye Nalubola – 5
- Erin Chase - 2

### *Youth Executive Board*

#### House and Senate

Karla Talley  
John Ten Eyck  
Beatriz Atsavaprane  
Rachel Carroll

#### Governor

Medha Reddy  
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#### Youth

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## *Legislative Committee Co-Chairs*

- Eva Dickerson
- Ben Feshbach

## *Public Awareness Committee Co-Chairs*

- Devan Ogburn
- Stephanie Chill

## **Committee Breakouts**

## **Announcements**

- The Maryland Virtual Learning Advisory Council is looking for students who have taken an online course to share their experiences and participate in a roundtable discussion.
  - Thursday, September 12, 2013
  - 9:30am – 3:30pm
  - Arlington Echo Outdoor Educational Center
  - 975 Indian Landing Rd, Millersville, MD 21108

## **Meeting Adjourned**

## **Action Items**

- Sign and return Code of Conduct forms and Media Release forms
- Members are encouraged to talk to other young people in their community, school, church, youth group, etc about issues impacting youth today. Council members should be prepared to discuss their outreach at the next council meeting.
- Legislative Committee
  - Develop a preferred means of communication: email and Facebook group.
  - Find someone to be a secretary of sorts for our legislative break outs.
  - Create a list of bills that we may find interesting to look into.
  - Connect with the delegate from each county and begin to build a professional relationship with them.
  - Brainstorm some legislation we'd like to push as a group.
- Public Awareness Committee
  - Develop a poll to be put on Facebook and shared by members asking what topics and issues are most important to young people today.

## **Next Meeting**

- Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:0pm at the Arbutus Library, 855 Sulphur Spring Road, Arbutus, MD 21227.
- Agenda will focus on legislative issue discussion and next steps.